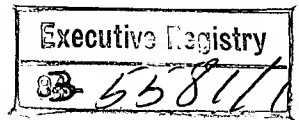




THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON



December 7, 1983

Dear Mr. Minister:

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the role of the Ministry of Finance and the Customs Service of the Federal Republic of Germany in the detention on November 9, in Hamburg, Germany of electronic and computer equipment en route to the Soviet Union in violation of U.S. law. The United States Government is deeply indebted for the prompt and decisive actions taken by your personnel that resulted in the interception of this shipment of critical technology.

The United States Customs Service has advised me of the outstanding cooperation that its Attache Office in Bonn receives on a daily basis from the Ministry of Finance and from the Customs Service of the Federal Republic of Germany in a wide variety of investigations concerning matters of mutual interest. The U.S. Treasury Department and the U.S. Customs Service are deeply appreciative of this relationship and will make every effort to continue this excellent spirit of cooperation.

Please extend my personal thanks to your personnel who participated in the action leading to the confiscation of the equipment in Hamburg. They are to be congratulated for their dedication and initiative.

Sincerely,

Donald T. Regan

The Honorable
Gerhard Stoltenberg
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